The "War of Terror" increases domestic and hate violence:

- People in the military are trained to kill. They are trained to think of force and aggression as 'manly' and weakness and submission as 'womanly.' TV, movies, 'newspapers' and magazines spin the same message in war and police stories. Soldiers are seen as 'manly' and the third world people under attack as 'womanly.' This breeds racist and sexist hatred and violence against the people surviving invasion and anybody that is not 'super-aggressive manly.'
  - Queer (LBGIT) folks and anyone who isn't seen as a subservient woman or aggressive man are more likely to be violently attacked.
  - Hate violence increases against members of the community being invaded who live in the "U.S."
  - Women of color in the military and other parts of the police state have to act as violently aggressive as men or be afraid of being attacked themselves.
  - Men in the military are 2 to 3 times more likely to be abusive to their partners. Because people of color make up a larger part of the military than the general population, we are at greater risk to be violently abused.

The "War of Terror" attacks our resistance:

- Under the PATRIOT Act, any political group or activist who opposes the government can be called a terrorist and can be locked-up. The FBI is legally allowed, after laws preventing this were reversed, to infiltrate, disrupt and provoke political and religious organizations.
- Whenever national security becomes an issue, police and border patrol use rape and sexual assault to attack and discourage internal political opposition.

JOIN us in STOPPING the "War of Terror" and its attacks on our communities!

Together we are building a movement to end violence against women of color, third world women and our communities! The new "War of Terror" intensifies the attacks on us, though the attacks are waged at different levels and in different ways throughout the world. It sets out to colonize our Arab, Latin American, Asian and African sisters and brothers and lands. We must strengthen our resistance and stand in struggle and antiracist solidarity with Iraqis, Palestinians, Colombians, Iranians and all indigenous peoples that are now and will be future targets of the "U.S." We have and will always resist colonization! We survive and resist and still rise "with the objective of living."

Algerian Women

Algerian women played central roles in the Algerian Revolution of 1954-1956, one of the most powerful anti-colonial struggles after World War II. For example, they carried arms in their handbags and disguised themselves as French women in order to pass through French military checkpoints and carry out armed resistance against French colonizers.

RESIST!!!

Mother, grandmother, speak in me, gather in me…
We will come like autumn shedding sleep, a sky about to open with rage. (Janice Mirikitani)

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Although we have been under attack for centuries,

the "WAR OF TERROR" intensifies violence against us as WOMEN OF COLOR and THIRD WORLD WOMEN and OUR COMMUNITIES.

Invading armies and police have NEVER liberated women of color and third world women. We are indigenous, african, african american, chicana/latina, south/west/east asian, pacific islander, and arab women and ONLY WE CAN LIBERATE OURSELVES!

White Europeans and their militaries invaded the Americas, Africa and throughout Asia. They colonized and massacred us. They stole our lands and worked our bodies for their profit saying it was to civilize us.

White Europeans and their descendants have the wealth and control the government, military and media in the "U.S." They use economic, military, cultural and political control to continue to colonize us. They take over our lands, our languages and cultures, and set up puppet regimes. They still massacre and use our bodies for their profit. Sometimes they say it is in the name of so called democracy. In Iraq, they bomb, starve, and set out to destroy and say it is in the name of liberation.

The "U.S." invades Iraq and supports "Israel's" invasion of Palestine so they can colonize through military might. The "War of Terror" is an illegal war that violates international laws. It uses "national security" as an excuse to conquer Arab and third world lands, oil, labor and peoples.

As women of color and third world women, many of us know directly, or know through our mothers and grandmothers what it means to be raped, enslaved and colonized by invading forces. We cannot and will not accept the 'War of Terror.' We will always resist the colonization of our peoples and lands.

RESIST!!!

"A Nation is not conquered until the hearts of its women are on the ground…"
(Women of All Red Nations)

Indigenous Women in the Americas:

Native Americans for Clean Environment led a grassroots effort throughout the 1980's and 90's against Kerr McGee, a multinational corporation that was poisoning indigenous lands and communities with toxic chemicals. With strong female leadership, they eventually forced the Kerr Mcgee facility in southeastern Oklahoma to close down.

The First Zapatista Uprising happened in March 1993 when the EZLN Women's Revolutionary Law was passed. It demands that the revolutionary struggle have female leadership and that it fight for women's justice. Zapatista women demand "a profound reconstruction of daily life, of society, of the State and of the culture, in order to eradicate violence as a method of history, of our history, of daily life, and of utopias."

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The "War of Terror" increases sexual assaults and rape:

- Militaries have sexually assaulted and raped women of color and third world women under attack as part of their war and colonization strategy. Rapes were documented in 22 countries that suffered military invasions in the 1990's.
- In the "U.S," the police and border patrol sexually assault women of color and immigrant third world women on a regular basis. This 'War of Terror' expands the border patrol and police. We suffer a higher risk of being sexually assaulted because we are arrested, detained, and imprisoned at higher rates than white women.
- In the "U.S.," women in the military suffer a greater risk of being sexually assaulted and raped. The attacker is usually a man in the same military.

The "War of Terror" increases poverty in our communities:

- Third world women who survive invasion will live in a country/colony that has been devastated and impoverished and has little or no access to jobs and education.
- The government pours money into the military ($396 billion in '2003) and gives hand outs to oil and military contractors. This huge bill is paid by severe cuts in the budgets for women's and family's social services including welfare, housing, health, education and transportation.
- The excuse of a wartime economy and national security have been used to cut tens of thousands of jobs from women of color and third world women and our communities, like the massive firings of immigrants in airline security.
- The Homeland Security Department can decertify or prevent any union operating under the department from forming if the union is seen as a threat to "national security." Without unions, working conditions and salaries for poor folks and people of color will get worse.

RESIST!!!

"Genocide and US domination ≠ liberation: We resist colonization" (INCITE)

Landless Women:

Since 1978, women of the Movement of the Landless Rural Workers (MST) have taken leadership in working with over 300,000 families to rise up and take over the lands of rich landowners. They have taken part in more than 20,000 occupations and now have settlements in seven million hectares of land. In these new encampments women are leading communities in building popular education schools, agricultural and other cooperatives, health centers, and safety patrols to deal with domestic and other kinds of violence. This is happening right now!!!

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The "War of Terror" attacks our health:

- Women of color and third world women are usually the ones who support, nurture, heal and feed our families; war makes this harder for us to do this:
  - Third world women under attack are killed or disabled. If they survive, they will bear the brunt of caring for physically and psychologically disabled family.
  - To a lesser extent, women of color in the "U.S." will bare the brunt of caring for psychologically and physically disabled family who return because the military recruits men and women of color from poor communities at higher rates.
  - Third world women under attack search for clean water and food because poisons from bombs pollute the soil and water, leading to starvation, cancers, and birth disabilities. In Iraq, for example, many women are unable to have children or breast feed because of military poisons and economic sanctions. Even when children are born, 1 out of every 5 will die an infant and 5,000 others will die every month.

The "War of Terror" intensifies the legal attacks against us and our communities:

- The "War of Terror" was used as an excuse to pass the PATRIOT Act 1 (soon 2) and the Homeland Security Act. These new laws give more power to the racist criminal injustice system.
  - These laws LEGALIZE and give increased power to racial profiling, surveillance, sweeps, detention and lock-ups.
  - The PATRIOT Act removes our rights to equal protection under the law, to due process, to legal counsel, to attorney/client confidentiality and to protection from search and seizure without probable cause for those who are seen as a threat to "national security." These laws are mostly attacking South Asian, Arab, and Muslim communities and immigrants from Muslim countries but they also have and will attack all people of color.
  - Anyone can be defined an "enemy combatant," then the decision to jail, torture, and kill you can be decided by secret military courts.
  - Immigrants can be denied re-entry into the "U.S.," locked-up and deported with no evidence if they are seen as a threat to "national security."
  - Women of color and third world women are also at risk for these attacks and often suffer the added burden of having to solely support their families when men are detained, deported and incarcerated.

RESIST!!!

"Our silence will not protect us" (Audre Lorde)

Vietnamese Women

In the 1950s, nearly a million female guerrillas took part in the war against colonial French forces. Hundreds of thousands of women, most of them young & single, served in combat zones in that war. They operated antiaircraft guns, built roads under frequent bombardment and went on patrols. The women of Vietnam were also crucial to ending the U.S. war against Vietnam.